Dewan's reply.—Noted.

58. The necessity for opening a reservoir at Mampazhathu Anai for facilitating the irrigation of the lands under the Erattakarakal.

Mr. P. Krishna Pillai (Member, Eraniel taluk) pointed out that the supply of water in the Erattakara channel was inadequate for the purpose of irrigating the lands by the same. The inadequacy of the supply in the Erattakarakal was due to the commanded circumstance that the Eraniel channel consumed all the water to the detriment of the lands under the former Kal. When the Eraniel channel was closed, there would be enough water in the Erattakarakal. The feeding channel for the Erattakarakal. *viz.*, the Padmanabhapuram Puthanar, was smaller in capacity than the Kal itself, and the Puthanar was the feeding channel to the Eraniel channel as well. The Puthanar could not therefore supply the required water in the Erattakarakal and much less in the two channels together. He said that several of the converted lands had not yet been cultivated for want of water. To obviate the above difficulties, the Member suggested that a reservoir be constructed at Mampazhathu Anai and the water utilised for the supply of the Erattakarakal. The Mampazhathurayar contained, he said, a perennial source of water supply. He requested that the Government might be pleased to give a favourable consideration to his proposal.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

59. The difficulties of the ryots arising from the flow of water in the Ananthankal and the remedies for the same.

Mr. R. Ponnia Nadar (Member, Nominated) pointed out that a large quantity of surplus water from the Ananthankal flowed through several small tanks such as the Pillayarkulam, Thalakulam, Chettikulam, Murunkavilakulam, Chinnakulam, Perumkulam and Champukulam and thence into the sea by the Chempattai Odai. The wastage of surplus water flooded the cocoanut gardens on the route and caused much damage to them. The water also damaged the salt pans at Rajakamangalam by causing fresh water springs in the pans. He suggested that a channel should be constructed from Champukulam towards the east and thence in a southerly direction, through the villages of Mankavila, Kattuvila &c., to the Manakudi lake. The proposed channel would not only prevent the damages referred to above, but also benefit the villagers on its course and would further bring under irrigation over 4000 acres of new land. He requested that the matter might be investigated at an early date.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

60. The conversion into a cart road of the lane leading from the first furlong of the Santhapuram road to the Rajakamangalam road.

Mr. D. Francis (Member, Nominated) said that there were some important villages to the south-west of the town of Nagercoil, containing more than 5000 inhabitants. Nearly 100 carts were in daily use in the said villages in carrying manure as well as paddy and other produce. The villages were situated between the Rajakamangalam road and the Kottar-Parvathiagaram road. He stated that there was a *poramboke* lane from the first furlong of the first mile of the Santhapuram road to the fifth furlong of the second mile of the Rajakamangalam road and touching on its way all the villages in question. The lane was sandy, winding and useless for traffic. He added that the above lane could be converted into a cartable road at a cost of about Rs. 1,500 excluding compensation for lands to be acquired. The conversion of that lane into a cart road would be a great boon to the villagers. Similar representations on the subject had been made at the last session of the Assembly. He therefore requested that the Government might be pleased to sanction the road at an early date. He also requested that the Kurusadi Church road, which the proposed road would meet, should be metalled properly as it was in a neglected condition.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

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